FOREST LAND

***1053.** [58] **Sri. N. P. Verghis:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forests be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether forest land allotted to applicants by the Forest Sub-Committee appointed by Government in 1124 have been given possession to the allottees;

(*b*) if so, how many acres of such land have been allotted in 1124 and 1125 in Neriamangalam range;

(*c*) has all the timber been felled and removed and the land survey completed; and

(*d*) how many acres of the allotted land have yet to be given possession to the applicants?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Most of the areas allotted have been given possession of according to the remittances of security and lease amounts. Some areas have not been released since the tree growth have not been completely removed.

(*b*) 1360 acres in 1124. No land has been allotted in 1125.

(*c*) Felling and removal of timber and land survey have not been completed over the whole area.

(*d*) Nearly 410 acres.

TAUNGYA CULTIVATIONS

***1054** [59] **Sri. N. P. Verghis:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forests be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of acres of forest land given in 1125 and 1126 in Neriamangalam and Malayattoor Ranges for taungya cultivation;

(*b*) what are the conditions under which land is given for taungya cultivation; and

(*c*) the names of persons to whom forest land was given for taungya cultivation in Neriamangalam and Malayattur Ranges in 1125 and 1126?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) Areas leased out for Taungya cultivation.—

1125 M. E.

1.	Neriamangalam Range	..	48 acres
2.	Idiyara Range (Malayattur)	..	435 „

1126 M. E.

1.	Neriamangalam Range	..	50 acres
2.	Idiyara Range (Malayattur)	..	54 „

(*b*) Conditions under which land is given.—

1. By auction sale of the right of collection and removal of tree growth and cultivation of the area under Taungya system. Value on acreage basis.

2. Cultivation of land under taungya system alone fixing the rent payable per acre per year.

3. The areas should be handed over to the department fully stocked with plants at the termination of the lease period.

4. The lessee should remit sufficient security for the due fulfilment of the lease.

5. The period of lease will ordinarily be for 3 years.

6. Bridle paths have to be constructed in the areas and plants kept free from weeds and other damage, by the lessees at their cost.

7. The lessees may cultivate 2 crops of paddy and 1 crop of gram or such other crops as may be permitted by the Department.

(*c*) Names of lessees to whom lands are given for cultivation.—

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